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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An imaging device, comprising:
a processor ~~adapted~~ configured to receive and recognize archive files from one or more sources and perform operations based on the archive file type, wherein each archive file comprises one or more print jobs that are not in a print-ready format; and
a storage device coupled to the processor and ~~adapted~~ configured to store archive files and print jobs; [[and]]
wherein the processor is coupled to one of an integral translator or an external translator that is ~~adapted~~ configured to translate each print job of the archive files into a print-ready format~~[[.]]; and~~
wherein the processor is further configured to perform one or more user-defined operations on the print jobs.
2. (original) The imaging device of claim 1, wherein the one or more sources comprise one of a managing printer, a computer, and a processor.
3. (original) The imaging device of claim 1, wherein the print-ready format is one of Printer Control Language, Post Script, and a graphical language.
4. (original) The imaging device of claim 1, wherein the storage device comprises one or more of an SRAM, DRAM, non-volatile memory, register, magnetic media, and optical media.
5. (original) The imaging device of claim 1, wherein the operations which the processor is adapted to perform based on the archive file type include one or more of:
decompressing the print jobs of the archive files;
storing the print jobs of the archive files into appropriate directories; and
transmitting the print jobs of the archive files to user-identified addresses.

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6. (original) The imaging device of claim 1, further comprising a control panel coupled to the processor, wherein the control panel is adapted to enable access and manipulation of the archive files and the associated print jobs.
7. (original) The imaging device of claim 1, further comprising an embedded web server coupled to the processor, wherein the embedded web server is adapted to interface between the processor and one or more user-identified addresses.
8. (original) The imaging device of claim 1, wherein the storage device is adapted to store archive files and print jobs based on one or more of the archive file type, archive file name, and an identifier associated with the archive file.
9. (original) The imaging device of claim 1, further comprising an administrative program coupled to the processor and adapted to perform print job management.
10. (currently amended) A method of job retention for one or more imaging devices, comprising:
 - receiving an archive file containing one or more print jobs not in a print-ready format;
 - recognizing an archive file type of the received archive file;
 - performing one or more operations based on the archive file type received;
 - translating each print job of the received archive file into a print-ready format; and
 - performing one or more user defined operations on at least one of the print jobs.
11. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein translating each print job of the received archive file into a print-ready format comprises translating each print job of the received archive file into one of Printer Control Language, Post Script, and a graphical language.
12. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein performing one or more operations based on the archive file type received comprises one or more of:
 - decompressing each file of the received archive file into separate print jobs;

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storing one or more of the files of the received archive file as separate print jobs; and
transmitting one or more files of the received archive file to user-identified addresses as
separate print jobs.

13. (currently amended) The method of claim 10, wherein performing one or more user
defined operations on at least one of the print jobs comprises one or more of:

storing one or more of the print jobs for subsequent processing;
printing one or more of the print jobs;
transmitting one or more of the print jobs to user-identified addresses; and
transferring one or more of the print jobs to an appropriate directory.

14. (original) The method of claim 13, wherein transferring one or more of the print jobs to
an appropriate directory comprises transferring one or more of the print jobs to an appropriate
directory based on one of a file name associated with the print job, a file type associated with the
print job, an address associated with the print job, a personal identification number associated
with the print job, and an identifier associated with the print job.

15. (original) The method of claim 10, further comprising transferring the archive file to the
one or more imaging devices.

16. (currently amended) A computer-usable medium having computer-readable
instructions stored thereon for execution by a processor to perform a method of job retention for
an imaging device, the method comprising:

receiving an archive file containing one or more print jobs that are not in a print-ready
format;

recognizing an archive file type of the received archive file;

performing one or more operations based on the archive file type received; and
translating each print job of the received archive file into a print-ready format.

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17. (previously presented) The computer-usable medium of claim 16, wherein, in the method, translating each print job of the received archive file into a print-ready format comprises translating each print job of the received archive file into one of Printer Control Language, Post Script, and graphical language.

18. (previously presented) The computer-usable medium of claim 16, wherein, in the method, performing one or more operations based on the archive file type received comprises one or more of:

decompressing each file of the received archive file into separate print jobs;

storing one or more of the files of the received archive file as separate print jobs; and

transmitting one or more files of the received archive file to user-identified addresses as separate print jobs.

19. (previously presented) The computer-usable medium of claim 16, wherein the method further comprises performing one or more user defined operations, wherein performing one or more user defined operations comprises one or more of:

storing one or more of the print jobs for subsequent processing;

printing one or more of the print jobs;

transmitting one or more of the print jobs to user-identified addresses; and

transferring one or more of the print jobs to an appropriate directory.

20. (previously presented) The computer-usable medium of claim 19, wherein, in the method, transferring one or more of the print jobs to an appropriate directory comprises transferring one or more of the print jobs to an appropriate directory based on one of a file name associated with the print job, a file type associated with the print job, an address associated with the print job, a personal identification number associated with the print job, and an identifier associated with the print job.